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Feldman to Lead 1991-92 Fund Drive

Andrew Feldman '68, a member of the Buffalo law firm Damon & Morey, will serve as national chair of the 1991-92 University at Buffalo Law School Annual Fund Drive. Feldman will help the school respond to the significant state budget cutbacks by working to increase the level of private contributions from alumni, friends, parents, law firms, corporations and foundations.

The goal for the 1991-92 campaign is \$300,000.

"I wouldn't have the opportunities that I have now as a lawyer, if it weren't for what the Law School gave me many years ago," said Feldman. "This is a chance for me to pay back the Law School.

"Because my wife (Joy Feldman '91) just graduated, I have been recently reminded of the very reasonable tuition. We have a wonderful thing going here

economically and it behooves all of us who are alumni to make sure that UB Law stays strong. The money just isn't there from the state," he said.

"The University and the Law School play a major role in our community," Feldman declared. "We have a nationally recognized law school whose stature keeps growing — but it won't continue to gain in prominence unless the finances are there."

Feldman, who chairs the litigation department at Damon & Morey, grew up in Buffalo and graduated from the University at Buffalo in 1965. After law school he practiced in New York City for five years before returning home.

Anthony J. Renaldo '50, of Renaldo, Myers, Regan & Palumbo, P.C., in Buffalo, will chair the Fund's Major Annual Gifts Committee. He will have primary responsibility for identifying and acquiring leadership gifts.

During 1990-91, the Law School enjoyed one of its best fund-raising years ever at all levels of giving, with support totaling \$278,000. This total establishes a new one-year fund-raising record for the school, eclipsing the mark of \$239,000, set in 1989-90.

Thirty-three percent of UB Law alumni participated in the annual giving campaign. "The percentage of our alumni who give ranks us among the top four or five of the public law schools in the country," said Alan S. Carrel, associate dean.

"We have serious budget problems. But we are in a better position than we would have been, if it were not for our strong alumni support over the past few years," said Carrel.

"The deep cuts in our state funding for the working year make alumni support even more critical," Carrel emphasized.

"We are hoping our alumni will

remember the opportunities their legal education gave them and will want to reach out to help the current students."

Once again, three Dean's Dinners will enable the dean to meet personally with a select group of loyal alumni and friends to discuss the current status of the Law School and his expectations for its future. The dinners for donors who contribute a minimum of \$250 are held at the Rue Franklin, a noted restaurant in Buffalo.

This fall, Dianne Bennett '75, of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, will host the first dinner on Monday, Sept. 23. On Monday, Oct. 14, George M. Zimmermann '49, of Albrecht, Maguire, Heffern & Gregg, P.C., will be host. And Sheldon Hurwitz '53, of Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., will host the dinner on Monday, Oct. 28.

The nine-day phonathon once again will be held at two Buffalo-based law firms. On Nov. 4, 6, 7, 12 and 14, volunteers will call from Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear. The phonathon will continue on Nov. 19, 20, 21 and 25 at Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock Blaine & Huber. "The firms are a tremendous help to us," says Carrel. "And our volunteers are exceptional." With class spirit growing due to a revitalized reunion program, 60 class agents have already agreed to recruit their classmates as callers for the annual phonathon.

This year, in order to reach a larger group of alumni, a follow-up phonathon is being planned for two nights in January. In addition, students will be calling one night a week during second semester. The goal is to reach 5,000 of 6,500 alumni by telephone.

Because of our immediate needs and the current financial crisis, the emphasis this year will once again be

to increase gifts received in the Annual Fund, according to Carrel. However, many significant projects must remain on hold, because the necessary funds are not available. "For that reason, we are currently planning a capital gifts campaign to begin within the year," said Carrel.

"It will focus on substantial, once-in-a-lifetime contributions that can have a significant, immediate impact."

Some funds may be designated for special projects, essential equipment, improvement of the facilities or new programs. Other large gifts may be set aside in endowment accounts and will be used to provide continuous support for teaching, research, the curriculum and educational student activities such as Moot Court. We also want to establish a Loan Repayment Program and to increase the number of scholarships that are available.

"The Law School's future depends heavily on the generosity of its alumni," he said.

"I am encouraged by the increase in support in recent years and am confident that we can obtain the funds necessary to meet the school's goals in the years ahead." ■

CORRECTION

We regret that Eugene V. Buczkowski, Class of 1941, was inadvertently omitted from the list of donors that appeared in the fundraising section in the last issue of the UB Law Forum. We thank him for his generous contribution.

Calling All Alumni/ae

During November, you will receive a call from a fellow alumnus/a or law student asking you to contribute to our 1991-92 Annual Fund Drive. Your financial support is more critical than ever before to keep ongoing programs running at the Law School. When asked to give, we hope you will respond with a resounding "Yes!"

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The Law School is very grateful to both firms for allowing our volunteers to use their offices and telephones. Without their help, we could not have a successful fund drive.

Once again, we will be using Class Agents. These special volunteers have agreed to not only make calls at the phonathon, but to bring at least three additional classmates with them.

Other alumni/ae have also promised to make calls. "Without question, volunteers are the most important factor in the success of our campaign," said Associate Dean Alan S. Carrel. If you want to volunteer for the phonathon, please give him a call at 636-2053. ■

The following is a list of Class Agents for this year:

'53	Robert C. Schaus	'81	James J. Contino
'55	Andrew C. Hilton, Jr.		Amy Fricano
'57	Richard G. Birmingham		Maureen W. Sullivan
'58	Jack L. Getman	'82	Terence E. Barnes
'60	Dennis J. Speller		Joel R. Kurtzhals
'61	Stuart A. Gellman	'83	John P. Hains
'62	Phillip Brothman		Robert J. Lane, Jr.
'64	Bernard B. Freedman		Brian Welsh
'65	Samuel L. Shapiro	'84	John M. Curran
'66	Thomas Whissel		Andrew C. Hilton, III
'68	Robert B. Moriarty		Marilyn Hochfield
'69	Michael R. McGee	'85	James R. Arnone
'70	John W. Dorn		Arthur J. Bronson
'71	Philip J. O'Shea, Jr.		Elena Cacavas
'72	Robert S. Stephenson	'86	Steven R. Sugarman
'73	Leslie M. Greenbaum		Steven J. Connelly
'74	Susan B. Tobe		Richard J. Evans
'75	Douglas S. Coppola	'87	Jeffrey H. Katz
	Janice M. Rosa		Joan E. Casillo
'76	Joseph A. Matteliano		Brian C. Mahoney
	Howard S. Rosenhoch	'88	Donna Siweck
'77	Allan P. McCarty		Michael J. Blehler
	Roger C. Scott		Mark E. Brand
'78	James M. Morrissey	'89	Terrence M. Gilbride
	James M. Mucklewee		Pattilynn Babajane
'79	Paul J. Suozzi		Brenda M. Freedman
	Alan M. Wishnoff		Kathleen M. Kaczor
'80	Timothy C. Cashmore	'90	Julia A. Falvey
	Larry Kerman		David H. Gossel
	Patrick C. O'Reilly		Ginger D. Schroder